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Title: HYPERPOLARIZABLE ORGANIC CHROMOPHORES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 40, beginning at line 15, as follows:

The electro-optic coefficient (picometers/volt, pm/V, at 1.3 microns), r_{33} , as a function of chromophore loading (weight percent) was determined as described above for a corresponding chromophore having a tricyanofuran acceptor in amorphous polycarbonate. The results are illustrated in FIGURE 18. Referring to FIGURE 18, the greatest electro-optic coefficient (66 pm/V) was measured at 30 weight percent chromophore and electro-optic coefficients of 64 pm/V were achieved for loadings of 28 and 35 weight percent chromophore. Electro-optic coefficients of 47 and 57 pm/V were achieved at 20 and 30 weight percent chromophore, respectively.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-8.

Add Claims 9-64 as follows:

9. (New) A compound, comprising a π -electron donor conjugated to a π -electron acceptor through a π -conjugated polyene bridge, the compound having an electro-optic coefficient of at least about 50 pm/V measured at 1.3 or 1.55 μ m in polymethylmethacrylate with

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